

May 11, 2016

Ivry Johnson  
Regional Freedom of Information Officer  
U.S. EPA Region 9  
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San Francisco, CA 94105  
By email to: [Johnson.ivry@Epa.gov](mailto:Johnson.ivry@Epa.gov)

**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request –  
Tesoro Los Angeles Refinery Integration and Compliance Project**

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) is writing pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, to request EPA files related to the Tesoro “LARIC” project (Los Angeles Refinery Integration and Compliance Project<sup>1</sup>).

CBE is an Environmental Justice organization with members who live in Wilmington and other areas surrounding the Tesoro refinery. This refinery is currently undergoing a massive expansion, combining its Wilmington refinery with the Carson refinery next door (purchased from BP). This combination would make it the largest refinery on the West Coast. It is also proposing building 3.4 million barrels of new storage tanks, rail loading, many refinery modifications, and miles of new pipelines. Our members are struggling to take part in the highly technical Title V permitting and Draft Environmental Impact Process. This community is mainly Spanish speaking, low income, and has about a third of the entire state’s refinery capacity sited nearby.

Because we are dealing with deadlines for public comments on these facilities, and since the U.S. EPA has an Environmental Justice policy to reduce the barriers of overburdened communities taking part in the permitting process, we would really appreciate any expediting you can do to provide information. We are a non-profit, so we ask you to waive any fees for these materials.

Our request includes all LARIC Project file materials, including, but not limited to, air quality and other analyses, air quality modeling, correspondence, and any other Project-related documents.

**Please EMAIL to [julia.e.may@gmail.com](mailto:julia.e.may@gmail.com)**

**Also, please Mail the above requested items to:**

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Communities for a Better Environment  
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<sup>1</sup> 2101 East Pacific Coast Highway, Wilmington, CA and 2350 East 223rd Street, Carson, CA

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Feel free to call me at 510-658-2591 if you have questions. Thank you very much for your help!

Sincerely,

Julia E. May  
Senior Scientist  
Communities for a Better Environment (CBE)